

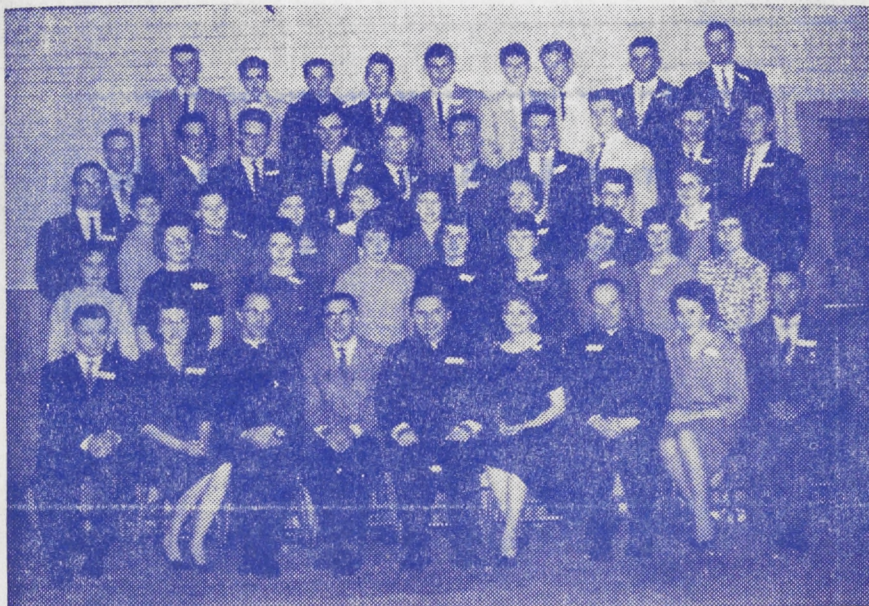
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A CLUE FROM THE IROQUOIS

By Cornelius J. Pasichny, OSBM
Spiritual Director, Borchiew UCY

"Drinking the blood of a brave man cannot make us brave, but receiving the flesh of our Lord can make us like Him".

On July 4, 1648, near the town of Midland, Ontario, a horde of savage Iroquois Indians attacked the Huron village of St. Joseph's and ruthlessly murdered the French missionary, Father Antoine Daniel. The following spring, on March 16, 1649, these Indians fell upon the village of St. Louis and ferociously tortured at the stake Fathers Brebeuf and Lalement. These heroic priests faced death with such inspiring courage that the Indians, hoping to acquire for themselves the bravery of their victims, drank the warm blood of Father Daniel, and made a mad scramble for the heart of Father Brebeuf, and ate it.

These hopes of the Indians were ill-founded, because all virtues or good qualities that people possess are not seated in the heart or blood, but are spiritual perfections of the will, which in turn is a part of our spiritual or immaterial soul. All the blood transfusions in the world from a brave, kind or holy person will not make us brave, kind or holy. Yet these misconceptions of the Indians give us food for thought. For there is a case in which we real-

ly can acquire the characteristics of a person by eating His flesh and drinking His blood. That is when we eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord under the sacred appearances of bread and wine in the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Would you like to consider for a moment what the receiving of the body of Christ really means to you? Our Lord out of His deep love for mankind, made this Sacrament so that He might be most intimately united to us, and be the heavenly food of our souls. This very close union with Christ is brought about when we receive Him in Holy Communion. His flesh becomes our flesh, and His blood flows in our veins. We become one with Him, and are then true Christ-Bearers. Just as two pieces of wax are melted and blended to make one candle, so our Saviour and we become one being. Holy Communion transforms us into Christ so that we pass into Him. He takes over the possession of our souls and bodies. It is no longer we alone who live; Christ lives in us. And when the body of our Lord, under the appearance of bread, disappears within us, we still remain united to Him through sanctifying grace and charity.

When Christ is thus united to our bodies, by the presence of His flesh

and blood, and to our souls, by the presence of His grace, we then acquire for ourselves some of His divine characteristics. We share His divine life. We ourselves become God-like, because we participate in His divine nature. And sharing in His very life, we can also become like to Him in love of God and neighbor, in goodness, kindness, patience, strength, courage and all other virtues.

Since Christ's flesh is real food, and His blood real drink, Holy Communion does for our souls what food does for the body. Thus Christ's body invigorates and refreshes our souls, giving or increasing supernatural or Godlike life, repairs the life of our souls by forgiving lesser

faults, helps repel the germs of the soul, which are the temptations of the devil, the world, and the flesh, lessens the punishment we have coming to us due to our sins, and assures us of our eternal glory and happiness and the glorious resurrection of our bodies.

Let not the superstitions of the Iroquois put our faith in Holy Communion to shame. For this sacrament is not something we can take or leave, according to our fancy; it is a condition of our eternal happiness. Receive our Lord often with due preparation and thanksgiving, so that the bread of life, which is Christ may make our life on earth heavenly, and our life eternal in heaven more perfect.

Survey of Our "Youth" Magazine

A while back a questionnaire was sent out to the clubs in the Western Diocese to get some ideas on how they felt about this magazine.

Here are some replies from Victoria, Derwent and Borchiew clubs.

What do you think could improve this magazine?

1. More pictures.
2. Joke page.
3. Movie list (condemned).
4. Continuous cartoons.
5. Covers.

—from Victoria UCY.

More news on inter club activities.

—Derwent UCY.

More pictures and write-ups of club activities should be sent in.

Borchiew UCY.

What is in the magazine now that you particularly think good, and could we improve on it?

Confidentially, more of it!

Victoria UCY.

The section on religious guidance is excellent. More articles on that aspect.

The poetry section and the question and answer column should be continued.

—Borchiew UCY.

Have you any ideas on new columns? Please give some.

I think the cover could improve and clearer pictures.

—Victoria UCY.

Articles on vocations and professions for both boys and girls leaving school, which they could choose.

—Derwent UCY.

We would like to hear personal views on the activities of other clubs.

Borchiew UCY.

Do you think this magazine is worth the effort or should we drop it? We would like your opinion.

I think it is a very good idea to have this magazine but with a little more improvement it could be a very big success.

Victoria UCY.

This magazine is excellent and it should not be dropped. It carries articles which are pertinent to religious and social aspects of life.

Derwent UCY.

We think this magazine is well worth the effort and would like to have it continued.

—Borchiew UCY.

Would your club be able to send at least one article per month? If not, why?

Yes, we think we can send in at least one article per month.

—Borchiew UCY.

Not every month. Our club has its meetings once a month and we

think it can't contribute due to lack of new events.

—Derwent UCY.

Yes, we could do our best.

—Victoria UCY.

How is your club doing in subscription and how could we raise the number of subscriptions?

Our club is doing fairly well. Change the appearance of it, and also style it more to the magazine approach.

—Victoria UCY.

Most of our members are subscribers to the magazine. Our club thought if each club had canvassers selling magazines to ex-members and to Catholic youths who do not belong to, or have not joined the UCY club.

—Derwent UCY.

About 75 percent of our club are subscribers.

—Borchiew UCY.

Do you want this magazine all in English or do you want some in Ukrainian?

Probably English for the time being.

—Victoria UCY.

Our members would prefer it all in English.

—Derwent UCY.

We would like some articles printed in Ukrainian.

Borchiew UCY.

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Borchiew Announces New Executive

President, John Kubin; vice pres., Sylvia Kokotyn; secretary, Audry Stewart; treasurer, Bob Kokotyn; fifth member, Rose Ann Klymochko; press reporter, Bernie Stewart; au-

ditors, Walter Polutranko, Gloria Yarmoloy; social committee, Joe Febrowski, Alfred Klymochko, Theresa Klymochko, Erny Pooke, Marcella Semchyshen.

Rites in The Catholic Church

By Father Greschuk

This column shall be continued in the following issues with the explanation of the Mass. It is hoped these articles will provide knowledge for youth, since today there are so many people inquiring about our faith.

Christ came on earth not only to preserve the Old Testament given to the Jews by God, but to fulfil it in the New Testament. Christ also came to bring to the world the Unbloody Sacrifice of the New Testament in place of the bloody sacrifices of the Old Testament. He also gave the Sacraments to aid the salvation of souls. Christ is the founder of the Christian religion, of Christian morals and of the Christian cult. One can say that Christ is the founder of Christian Rites as found in the Church of Christ.

It should be pointed out that Christ did not establish one rite and one rite only as the vehicle of transmission of His teachings to the faithful. Christ was content to establish the general form of worship He required from His faithful and left the details to His Apostles and their successors, or in other words to His Church. The elements of Christian cult come then from Christ Himself, and the development or unfolding of rites came from the Apostles, bishops and Fathers of the Church who received their authority from Christ Himself.

This then, is the origin of rites. Over the centuries the Church has developed in harmony with the

teachings of Christ, many rites, giving these rites equal status, with none subordinate to the other, and authorized their use in the Christian cult. Variety in rite, but unity in Faith has been the watchword of the popes for many centuries.

Consequently, the Mass is one and the same sacrifice in all rites, but the ways in which it is offered differs in the various rites. This is due to the historical process, customs and education of different people. Some people prefer more symbolism and others less in their relations with God. The Eastern Christians like Symbolism. It is, therefore little wonder that the Eastern Fathers of the Church in composing the ceremonial of the Mass, used much symbolism in it to remind the faithful of the various facts of Our Lord's life, thus making the renewal of the sacrifice of His passion and death more vivid in the eyes and hearts of the people.

We may define rite as the exterior way or form of worship in which we honor and serve God.

The rites in the Catholic Church are divided into the Western and the Eastern Rites. The Western Rites are: Roman or Latin, Ambrosian, Mozarab or Spanish and Celtic. The Celtic and Gallic Rites do not exist any more. The Ambrosian Rite is used by a small number of Catholics in the Western Church. Most Catholics in the Western Church use the Latin or Roman Rite.

The Eastern Rites are: Alexandrian, Abyssinian, Antiochian, Chaldean, Maronite, Armenian and By-

zantine. From the Byzantine Rite evolved many secondary rites. These secondary rites are: Byzantine-Greek, Byzantine-Arabic, Byzantine-Georgian, Byzantine-Roumanian, Byzantine-Slavic. Under the Byzantine-Slavic Rites comes the Ukrainian Rite or more correctly, the Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite.

The Ukrainian Catholics are sometimes referred to as Greek Catholics. The reason for that is this: The word Byzantine is derived from the famous capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, Constantinople, or as it was once called, Byzantium. The Byzantine Rite is sometimes called the Greek Rite because originally the liturgical language of the Byzantine Rite was the Greek language. In time the Greek language of the Byzantine liturgy was translated into

Arabic, Georgian, Old Slavonic, Roumanian and other languages. This was the origin of the several secondary Byzantine Rites as was mentioned earlier.

The Ukrainian people received the Christian faith from Byzantium and of course the external expression of that faith which was the Byzantine rite. This occurred in the year 988 during the reign of St. Vladimir the Great. When the Ukrainians received the Christian faith and the Byzantine Rite, it was given to them by the Apostles of the Slavs, the two brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius, who had translated the Greek liturgy of the Byzantine Rite into the old Slavonic language which is the liturgical language of the Ukrainian Rite today. The Old Slavonic language is quite similar to the Ukrainian language.

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Tired of School?

Are you anxious to be out on your own, earning good money? Or perhaps you're thinking about getting married soon. A man needs a steady income; a girl decides more education is simple a waste of time.

If you're sitting on the fence looking over the whole job field, don't let yourself become so near-sighted you can see only the green stuff right beside the fence. Remember that any job will pay you money.

If you leave high school without a diploma, you may find a job that will give you good experience and a weekly pay check. But don't be surprised if the boss says to you when you ask for a promotion, "You

are a good worker. I'm sorry I can't consider you for that opening, but our better positions require at least a high school education."

How much Education?

In terms of high school courses, that means to take as many solid subjects as you can handle, in as wide a variety as possible. You never know when it might come in handy. When you graduate, you should know something about English literature, world history, foreign languages, mathematics and science.

How big a load?

Even if you're still very much undecided, you'll want to learn as

much as you can about subjects which interest you. Chances are you will specialize in a related field. So pile up that information now on the subjects which seem easy and interesting to you, at the same time broadening the base with a variety of more difficult subjects.

Is university necessary?

The big jobs today go to college graduates. A few years ago, if you were smart, alert and ambitious, you could start in some local industry and work your way to the top.

Employers look for university graduates to fill executive positions.

This is the age of specialization, and you can't expect to specialize without first being thoroughly familiar with the whole field. You can work your way up to a certain point, but beyond that is the high fence with a university degree required for climbing over it.

Reference—Choosing a career in a Changing World—by V. U. Westermelt.

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SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT MYRNAM, ALBERTA

By Mary Pidoborozny

Both in the number of attendance and in the good ideas exchanged among the clubs the first regional conference was very successful. There were forty-five delegates in attendance consisting of the Diocesan executive and delegates representing Myrnam, Two Hills, Derwent and New Kiew UCY clubs.

The conference was opened by Walter Kmet, the Edmonton Diocesan President and was followed by a prayer led by Father Greschuk, Spiritual Director of the Edmonton Diocesan Executive.

An opening address was given by Father E. Nakonechny, Spiritual Director of Myrnam, who stated that the future of tomorrow rested on the youth of today. He stated that we should aim to have success in our goals. In order to do this we must follow the rules of our constitution, and also have discipline and organization within our clubs.

Father Greschuk then spoke to us and I thought that he certainly did have some very good ideas. His talk may be found on another page, which I am sure you will all want to read.

We next heard from Walter Sowiak, ex-president of the Diocesan executive, who stated that during life we may either take the route which leads to heaven or to hell. One of the UCYO purposes is to encourage its members to travel on the right path.

Walter explained that our organization ran much like our government in Canada. Our national governing body is in Saskatoon, then we divide into the different Diocesans with ours in Edmonton, and then we finally sub-divide into locals such as Myrnam, Two Hills, New Kiew and Derwent.

The purpose of the conference was to help the different clubs with their problems.

We suggested some ideas on how to run a club and how to achieve this successfully. To do this we must practice Catholic action. All clubs should encourage their members to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion together at least once a month.

View your community and encourage more youth to attend your meeting especially some who may be straying down the wrong route.

When a plan of action for the year is outlined, do not plan too much, but what is planned should be done well.

For your entertainment find out from your members the type they want, and what they are interested in.

All clubs should participate in Diocesan activities such as curling, bowling and the sports rally which is held at Mundare. The Diocesan also holds a spiritual day once a year whereby all clubs plan to receive Holy Communion together. By doing things together we shall all have unity.

In the future the Diocesan Executive will be offering a scholarship for a youth who has the highest mark in high school and is planning to further his or her education.

Another suggestion is for the youth to carol during Christmas. Perhaps a club could raise some money to provide food hampers for the needy families in the parish.

We mustn't forget the cultural aspect in our club activities. Ukrainian dancing, singing and perhaps staging plays and concerts should be vital in planning the year's activities.

A club which would hold a mother's day tea would certainly be commended.

All clubs should take an important part in their Youth magazine. This magazine is Canada-wide and can provide us with a wide exchange of ideas and information.

Following Walter's talk, coffee and lunch was served by the Myrnam UCY.

Myrnam outlined their activities of the year but what impressed me most was the purchase of a lawn mower and the task that the members undertook to keep the church yard clean. Very good, Myrnam!

The New Kiew representative gave her club's outline also. This she did both in English and Ukrainian and certainly gained all our admiration for doing so. A feather in your cap, eh New Kiew!

Two Hills spoke on their club activities and also told us that they actually took part in helping to build their new church. They did a fine job, don't you agree? The front page of the last issue of the Youth magazine showed it to fine advantage.

Derwent apparently certainly do know how to carol since they estimated they have gotten around \$1,000 within the last three years, all of which they have donated to the church. Some of their members also helped in the construction of their church.

As one can see these clubs are certainly working closely with their parish and may I congratulate them for doing this.

It was decided that if there was

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Walter Kmet
President of Western Diocesan Exes.

What is the purpose of a UCY organization? What are some of the ideals and beliefs of the organization? To answer this question, it is best for us to examine the UCY pledge which every UCY member makes or should make when he or she joins a UCY club.

I hereby pledge:

My belief and faithfulness to Almighty God. My loyalty to the Catholic Church in the Ukrainian Rite, by respecting her authority, attending Holy Mass regularly and receiving the sacraments.

My loyalty to my country.

To promote Ukrainian culture and tradition for the good of Canada.

To abide by each and every law of the society.

To promote love, understanding, and cooperation.

Let's go back now and read the pledge once more, only this time let's evaluate ourselves as we read it. Now, we not only know the purpose of UCY, but we can judge

ourselves accordingly and see just how we stand as UCY members.

Perhaps our greatest purpose in UCY work is to achieve the greatest possible success in UCY ideals. We can only do this through hard and sincere and honest work, for as you very well know, success doesn't just happen, it is earned through hard work.

'Believe and you shall receive,
Receive and you shall prosper.'

Those of you that belong or have belonged to a UCY club know the work and toil, the joy and happiness, the fun and laughter that go along with being a UCY member; but you will also remember the rewards that UCY work brings to you in the form of personal satisfaction which you can only experience by belonging to a UCY club.

This coming year I sincerely hope that you will work as hard as you have in the past with your UCY club. I hope that you will encourage your friends to join the club so that they too may experience the joys and satisfaction which you have experienced.

St. Michael Archangel - Patron of U.C.Y.

by Rev. Cornelius J. Pasichny,
O.S.B.M.

This is condensed from the talk Fr. Pasichny gave to the youth at the Borchiew Conference. It was very well timed since November is the feast day of St. Michael Archangel.

St. Michael Archangel is the heavenly patron of the UCY.

St. Michael belongs to that class of creatures that are pure, bodiless spirits, and intermediates, as it were between God and the visible creation that go by the general name of angel. Our word angel is derived from the Greek 'angelos' which means messenger. Thus, the angels are considered messengers of God. The precise time of their creation is

not known though we read in the bible that the fallen angels are already there to tempt our first parents.

St. Michael himself is an archangel and is one of the chief princes of God's heavenly court. His name was the battle cry, "Mickhael — Who is like God?", of the heavenly forces in their struggle against Satan and his followers (Apoc. 12:9). Then he was made the guardian and protector of Israel, God's chosen people in the Old Testament. Now he is entrusted with the defense of the Church and is the protector of the dying.

By name and nature, St. Michael is the defender of God's Glory. He is unquestionably faithful to his Creator and is the enemy of those who trample on God's rights and privileges. From the moment He deposed Satan and the rebellious angels to this day he stands in defense of God's glory.

By the same token, St. Michael is the scourge of the enemies of God beginning with Satan and the fallen angels right to the last man Satan has recruited in his ranks. The battle between Satan and Michael continues in the world today and shall go on till the end of time. He helps men curb the influence of the devils in this world in the battle for men's souls, and tries to overcome evil with good.

St. Michael is also the protector of God's faithful people. He was appointed to protect the chosen people in the Old Testament, and continues in that office now as the champion of the Church and all her members. All those who make the least effort to combat the influence

of the devil are his allies and may count on his aid and protection.

The founders of the UCY made a wise choice in placing all its future members under his patronage. If we are to benefit to the full from this patronage St. Michael is to be our inspiration and protector. We are to imitate his devotion to God's glory, and his faithfulness to God.

In our daily lives and in our own little way we too are to be sensitive to any violation of God's rights and privileges and get up in their defense. But of course we must begin with ourselves. Then side by side with St. Michael we will be able to combat daily the influence for evil of Satan all around us and within us and our community. Satan is a sneaky creature—and uses his angelic turned diabolic wisdom to confuse, mislead, corrupt and damn for eternity. He not only uses evil means but more frequently good or indifferent ones to his evil purpose. We are to be alert to those tactics thus by prayer to St. Michael and our own influence stem the forces of evil and sin. We should be mindful of our powerful patron and frequently invoke his protection and guidance for ourselves, for all Ukrainian Catholic Youth and for the Youth of all the world, for today it is in the souls of the youth that Satan wishes to establish his dominion. If we take our stand along side St. Michael during our lifetime, take up his cause of defending God's glory and His rights and do our part to stem the evil influence of Satan in the world, St. Michael will be our patron in life, our comfort in death and our escort into the eternal mansions of God.



From left to right: Mr. Edward Kozak, fifth member; Miss Joan Zarski, treasurer; Mr. Eugene Ciunyk, president; Father Damien Welschuk; Miss Sonia Boychuk, secretary; Mr. Bill Smigel, vice-president.

Vancouver Elects New Exesutive

The second meeting of the Vancouver, B.C. St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Youth Club was held on Sunday, October 23, 1950. Fifty-five members were present. Our new term executive elections were held.

This year election history was made in the office for president. Nominees were: Mr. Eugene Ciunyk Jr. and Mr. Bill Smigel. Following the vote for the candidates, the result being a tie, a recount was authorized. Since the recount also resulted in a tie vote, a suggestion was made and passed that the persons who nominated the candidates

were to give an oral campaign speech lasting two minutes in support of their candidate. A second vote was taken and Mr. Eugene Ciunyk Jr. was elected by a margin of two votes. Mr. Bill Smigel was automatically and unanimously voted in as Vice-President. This set the pattern for the other executive candidates.

Secretarial nominees were Miss Sonnia Boychuk and Miss Marianne Lashin . . . Miss Boychuk being successful.

Nominees for Treasurer: Miss Joan Zarski and Mr. Edward Kozak . . .

Miss Zarski successful.

Nominees for fifth member: Mr. Ron Kuzik, Mr. Dan Kennedy and Mr. Edward Kozak . . . Mr. Kozak successful by unanimous vote.

President: Mr. Eugene Ciunyk Jr. . . . Mr. Ciunyk has been a member of our UCY unit for many years and has been extremely active in many fields. He is most noted for his interest and participation in Ukrainian dancing, of which this year he is the instructor, and head. Last season he was elected vice-president but, after the Christmas and New Year seasons, our president was "in ausencia" and Mr. Ciunyk stepped into the president's shoes and led our unit to the winning of the St. Michael's Trophy. Do not break the gavel this year, Eugene.

Vice-President: Mr. Bill Smigel . . . This member has been away from our unit for about five years due to his being out of town. Since his return he immediately joined the Youth and in a short time became very active with the unit. I am sure that Mr. Smigel will do an excellent job as vice-president.

Secretary: Miss Sonnia Boychuk . . . Just recently returned from abroad. Touring Europe, Vienna, London, Paris . . . ahh! "Tres Bon" This member has many valuable ideas for our unit. Miss Boychuk has been a member for many years and a very helpful person. This season she is a member of the Ukrainian dancing group. Very good secretarial material here.

Treasurer: Miss Joan Zarski . . . Miss Zarski has been an extremely active member in the past. She takes interest and an active part in

our Ukrainian dancing group. She is well qualified for the treasurer's position and an asset to our unit.

Fifth Member: Mr. Edward Kozak . . . Mr. Kozak is following his brother's footsteps in being a good active club member. I am sure that since he is a new member of the younger members, he will be in direct contact with them. I am confident that he will live up to the name that his brother made in our unit if not surpass it, and make the Kozak name long remembered in the records and minds of our Unit.

Last, but not at all least, our Spiritual Director, Father Damian Weleschuk. Father "D" as he is known here, is mostly responsible for our unit's success of the last season. His endless work night and day of thoughts and problems are greatly appreciated and he stands high in the minds of all our members. This year Father "D" has many wonderful ideas to make the club even more successful than last year. May God bless you, Father, for all the help and inspiration that you have given us. We hope that we will be fortunate in having you with us for many years.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the new executive and may you all lead the St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Youth to extreme heights in the Edmonton Diocese and may you retain the St. Michael's trophy for many years. May the Good Lord bless you and help you in all of your endeavours.

—Orest N. Kociuba,
press correspondent,
St. Mary's UCY, Van., B.C.

TIPS OF DATING

One of the questions most frequently asked by young people in quest of advice is this: "How can we make sure of a happy and successful marriage?" It is very difficult to set down foolproof formulas in any matter in which the free will of human beings is involved. We will set down rules for company keeping that have a direct bearing on its relationship to a happy marriage.

1. Don't start to keep steady company until you are both able and willing to think about getting married within a reasonable time.

This counsel is given, not to prevent young men and women from having a good time, or developing normal associations with persons of the other sex, but for very good and solid reasons. Human nature is so constituted that one of the most frustrating and dangerous situations into which a person can thrust himself is that of intimate association with a person of the other sex resulting in a strong physical attraction. With no prospect of marriage for some years to come, experience shows that this very often leads to serious sins of impurity. In young people it tends to stunt the development of character and paralyze the process of education; it sometimes leads to immature marriages that will be tragically unsuccessful.

2. Don't start to keep company by making or accepting even a single date with a validly married person, or a divorced person. If you have started dating in ignorance of the person's marriage state, stop immediately when you find out about it.

Thousands of souls are irreparably damaged every year through invalid, or as Christ called them, adulterous marriages. Such souls are cut off from the Grace of God, from the Sacraments, and are in the danger of being lost forever. Remember that it is a mortal sin to keep company with any person already validly married.

3. Don't continue to keep company with a person who proves to be morally unprincipled in regard to sex. A person is morally unprincipled in this sense if he insists on using company-keeping as a means of indulging desires for sexual pleasures. Such persons will rarely be capable of the fidelity that is indispensable for a happy wedded life.

4. Don't rush into marriage without giving yourself a reasonable opportunity to learn about your prospective partner's character principles, stability and willingness to work and sacrifice for a happy home.

The choice of your partner in marriage is the most important single decision that you are ever going to make. Remember, marriage is for life. This decision, with its fateful consequences for your happiness in life and in eternity should be made, not with ill-considered haste, but with careful thought and prayer.

5. Don't continue to keep company with a person who has revealed himself (or herself) to be unalterably opposed to one of the essential teachings of your religion, for example on birth-prevention, on divorce, or on the necessity of Catholic schooling for children, etc.

Happiness in marriage is impossible without agreement between husband and wife on all important moral matters pertaining to marriage.

6. Don't continue to keep company with one who is completely disinterested in religion, or so set in opposition to your religion that he (or she) would never consent even to look into its teachings.

Marriage is so intimate on association that it demands unity of mind and outlook on the part of husband and wife. How is this unity possible if they look differently upon the most fundamental aspects of human life?

More tips on company-keeping in the next issue.

Reference—"Think straight before You Date", by D. F. Miller, C.S.S.R.

AIMS OF YOUTH

This was taken from the talk Fr. Greschuk presented at the Myrnam Conference on November 5th.

There may be two statements which may be said and are true. Youth is the "golden age of opportunity". Then there has been said that there is a collapse of youth who have lost the respect for Christian standards and principles.

There is a very wide gap between these. The answer is simple. We must apply our catechism to our everyday life, go to Mass on Sundays and receive the Sacraments. We should retain our Ukrainian tradition and be conscious of our heritage.

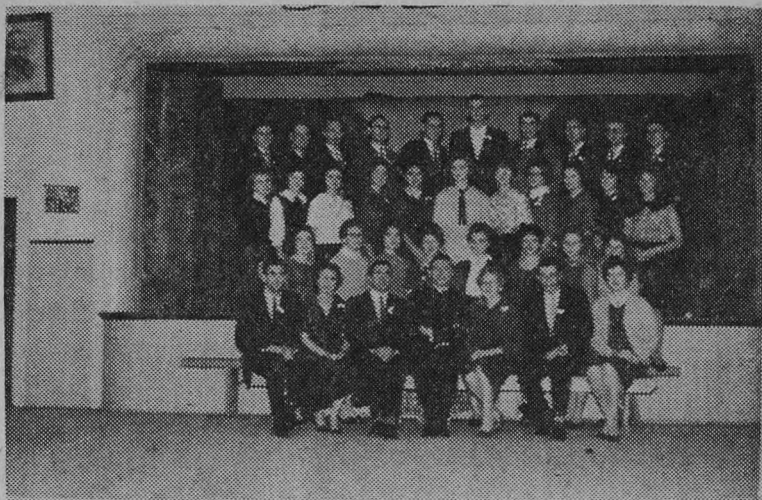
In a UCY we not only can enjoy ourselves but we can learn. We can raise the standard of our spiritual life. We can apply it to our work, study, and recreation. It can make you realize that you are not wasting your time and that you're in the "golden age of opportunity".

One Pope has said that "to be a Catholic means to be an apostle". Therefore you must not stand idle. You must be a strong part of the church and not just belong to it. You must not only be a follower of

Christ but you also must be His messenger.

There is a lack of priests and as a result in a parish, the parishioners do not have a close enough contact with their priests. We all realize that if the shepherd is not around, the sheep tend to scatter. The harvest is great but the workers are few. Do you not think that if the youth realized more fully the great lack of priests and religious that more of the youth would be inclined to answer Christ's call. Rather than investigate and discuss it with their parish priest, they are afraid of it and try to remove the thought from their minds. Is there anything that can provide better facilities for such talks and discussions than a youth club?

Your main goal should be to live truly Christian lives, to strengthen your faith and pass it on to others. You should show that you really belong to Christ and His Church. If you do this, only then will others be able to say of you: "They are members of the UCY, who realize that youth is the 'golden age of opportunity'."



UCY Regional Conference at Borchiew on November 12, 1960.

Borchiew are Hosts at UCY Conference

by Mary Pidoborzny

Walter Wmet opened the second regional conference which began at two in the afternoon with thirty five in attendance. Father Pasichny, spiritual director of Borchiew, led the group in prayer.

Father Pasichny then extended a welcome to the delegates attending the convention. Father also gave a very interesting talk on St. Michael the Archangel, who is the patron saint of the Youth.

The delegates who were introduced represented Borchiew, Round Hill, St. Josaphat's Jr., St. Basil's Sr. and Jr.

A plan of action was given to all clubs. It was suggested that at least part of the meetings be carried out in Ukrainian. It was also pointed out that Ukrainian is taught in high school and university in Alberta.

There was a discussion on how to conduct a meeting. It was stressed that correspondence be read at the meetings and answered promptly.

It was also stated that those who take executive positions should take their responsibilities seriously and try to fulfill them to the best of their ability.

Reports from the various clubs were then given. Borchiew appears to be a very sound club. They have participated in a communion breakfast with Round Hill. This last summer the club took off to Pigeon Lake for two days of fun in boating and swimming. Borchiew has also just completed a successful carnival.

St. Basil's Jrs., who have been in existence for eight months, are going forward and really pitching in and doing good work. They have helped the Seniors to do the Car Bingo

cards which brought them all a good profit.

Round Hill UCY has made plans for the following year which included having more corporate Communions and also the presentation of a play in Ukrainian.

The St. Josaphat's Jrs. are also a new club and they feel they have been doing quite well by showing a steady increase in membership. They stated that the question box at their meetings really worked well.

St. Basil's Srs. are very active in their sports activities, such as bowling and curling. They also attend a Communion Breakfast which is held every first Sunday of the month and also both boys and girls participate in closed retreats. This club also donated \$150.00 to their church.

A good discussion on club problems was undertaken.

How to Increase Meeting Attendance

1. Send circulars or cards in advance a couple of days to announce meetings and other activities.
2. Announce in church.
3. Word of mouth — talk to other young people in parish.
4. Speak to parents — ask them to urge their children to attend.
5. Make the meetings interesting.
6. Keep mailing address of all members — check if some are not attending.
7. Country clubs — arrange transportation for those who have no way to go to the meetings.

Keeping Interest in a Club

1. Hold meetings twice a month to have time for coffee or social at

least a short while following the meeting.

2. Have sing songs, games, dances,
3. Plan meetings.
4. Have executive meetings — in country, meet at least one half hour before general meeting.
5. Get ideas — in question box.
6. Executive to start leading in meetings such as even in seconding the minutes, starting discussions, etc. — will pep up the meeting.

How to Make Members Get Their Memberships

1. Collect more for non-members such as at meetings, socials.
2. Stress importance of being members.
3. For sport participation must be members.
4. Set a deadline to get the great majority in.
5. Have a campaign night.
6. Paid members could enter free at a meeting if they brought someone else who became a member that night.
7. Approach the young people after church.

Things to Do Spiritually

1. Have frequent or monthly communion breakfasts.
2. Have retreats.
3. Have spiritual director give talks at meetings.
4. Debate sessions.
3. Say a decade of a rosary after each meeting.
6. Rosary rally.
7. Have guest speakers at some meetings and communion break-

fasts.

8. Youth to have a choir of their own if possible.

The Obnova president, Chris Dmytruk, spoke about the Obnova Club. He stated that the UCY and Club Obnova have similar aims in their clubs. Chris, who is a graduate engineer of the University of Alberta, invited the youth who will be attending the university to join this club.

Walter Kmet urged all clubs to take an active part in the "Youth" magazine which will be helpful to all clubs especially if all clubs send in their material faithfully.

Walter stated that some clubs have not yet paid up all the debt which was assessed to get the magazine on a good basis.

Membership cards will be issued only if the youth magazine is also paid, though there are exceptions if there are more than one in the family. This decision will be reserved to the spiritual director and president of the particular club.

It was suggested that all clubs have a press correspondent.

The Diocesan correspondent, yours truly, said a few words also. Walter Kmet thanked the Borchiew UCY for being such good hosts and also thanked the other delegates for attending. Father Pasichny led the group in prayer at the end of the conference.

A very tasty lunch, served by the members and evening of singing, playing cards and dancing followed. I'm sure that, on behalf of all who attended, I could say that we certainly did have a very good day.

Myrnam, Conference

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a Regional President within a certain area he would be able to guide the clubs. This would enable the clubs to support and participate together in each other's activities. A concert, some sports activities, and a Communion Breakfast were discussed. Joe Wysocki of Derwent was chosen the Regional President for clubs of Myrnam, Derwent, Two Hills, New Kiew, Plain Lake and Vilna. Orest of Myrnam and Peter Paul of New Kiew will assist him.

Such problems as varied age groups and various attendance at meetings was brought up.

It was suggested clubs have a library which would have material pertaining to religion and youth.

Father Hanushewsky, spiritual director of Two Hills, spoke on character. He explained that if a youth has a good character, he is therefore a good Catholic. Our character has to be moulded and we must all strive to do so during our youth.

Walter Kmet then mentioned some of the aims of the Club Obnova which is a Ukrainian University Club for Ukrainian Catholic students. . . . He stated that Club Obnova also offered a scholarship to students with the highest mark in Grade XII.

The president spoke on the value of the Youth magazine and asked the co-operation of the clubs in submitting articles. Back issues of this magazine were given to all the clubs represented. The press correspondent of the Diocesan Executive also spoke a few words about the Youth magazine.

club for being such wonderful hosts.

To end the Conference we enjoyed a most delicious supper and an evening of dancing. I am sure we all can say that all who attended there certainly had a wonderful day.

Thanks again, Myrnam UCY — our hosts!

In closing, Walter Kmet announced that a convention would be held in May in Edmonton, as usual.

The president commented that he was certain we had all obtained some valuable ideas to take back with us to our clubs.

Our Question Box

By Father Greschuk

1. I have heard that there is a tradition in our Rite to have the rings blessed when a young couple becomes engaged. Is this true and how is it done?

You have heard correctly. The custom is a very old one. This blessing took place usually in a church. The priest blessed the rings and placed them on the fingers of the couple. The couple themselves received a blessing.

2. If a Ukrainian Catholic attends the Roman Catholic Church during the year, does he have to fulfill his Easter duty in a Ukrainian church?

First of all, a Ukrainian Catholic should attend his own parish church, and that means, the Ukrainian Catholic church. Remember, no one can be a Catholic in a generic term. When a person is a Catholic, that means that he is of the Catholic Faith, of a specific rite, belonging to a specific Diocese and to a specific parish. Take a similar example from our country. Everyone is a Canadian citizen, but besides that, every Canadian citizen has a specific duty as a resident of a specific province and specific municipality. Of course, a Ukrainian Catholic is justified in attending a Roman Catholic church only when there is no Ukrainian church in the vicinity. With regard to the Easter Duty, it should

be made in one's parish church, which is his "own church". So expressly says the Canon Law.

3. I have heard that St. Michael is the patron saint of youth. Could you give its origin or history on it?

St. Michael (Michael means "Who is like God") is the leader of the heavenly hosts and the greatest adversary of Satan. Under his leadership the faithful angels defeated Lucifer, the chieftain of the rebellious angels. Since St. Michael is the greatest adversary of evil, and the age of youth is the time when one is exposed to evil the most, St. Michael is often chosen as the patron of youth. The Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Canada has been put under the patronage of this Saint.

Furthermore, the patronage of St. Michael is linked very closely with the history of Ukraine. He became the patron of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, since the early days of Christianity in our country. He was the patron of the Kossacks, who had his image on their flags. Later, the Ukrainian armies — "Ukrainski Sichowyj Strilchyj", who were warding off the enemies of the Catholic Church and our people, also had St. Michael for their patron.

Any questions you would like answered, please mail to:

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St. Basil's Obnova, Edmonton

With the commencement of a new term at the University of Alberta, St. Basil's Club Obnova began its official round of activities. Obnova is the university club for all Ukrainian Catholic students on campus. In order to introduce the frosh to the club and its members, a Frosh Mixer Dance was held on October 1 in the hall of St. Josaphat's Cathedral. The crowd of approximately sixty was cordially welcomed by Obnova's president, Chrysant Dmytruk. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the novelty dances which were called by the master of ceremonies, Julian Koziak. Following the evening's activities refreshments were served. In charge of the arrangements for the dance were Eleanor Gaychuk and her social committee consisting of Elizabeth Achtemichuk, Leslie Doroshenko, and Lawrence Yuzda.

A very encouraging crowd assembled on October 16 in the Students' Union Building on the university campus, for the first general meeting of Obnova. A very interesting and often humorous talk on "Why

It Is Necessary We Learn Ukrainian" was given by the guest speaker, Dr. Yar Slavutych. Dr. Slavutych is the Professor of Ukrainian languages at the University of Alberta. Following the speech a reminder to the frosh was given concerning the December 1 deadline for applications for the "Obnova" scholarship which is being initiated this year. The scholarship is available strictly on academic standing to any Ukrainian Catholic student entering the University of Alberta or any of Edmonton's Hospital's School for Nursing and who intends to become a member of Obnova.

On October 30 the members of Obnova participated in a Corporate Communion and Breakfast held in St. Josephat's Cathedral. After a warm greeting and well-wishes from Father Kovalsky, Dr. N. Zalesky spoke on "Religion, Morals and Youth". With the conclusion of this spiritual function all Obnova activities were postponed until the end of the mid-term examinations.

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